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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 25-0105 – Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Baltimore
City Schools – \$12,911,344

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 25-0105 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$12,911,344 to Baltimore City Public Schools – Service 352 (Baltimore City Public Schools), to provide funding for a deficit caused by the City's contribution to the development agreement for City Spring Elementary/Middle School. The money for this supplementary appropriation is excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025. The bill would take effect on its date of enactment.

Section 8(b)(2)(iii) of Article VI of the City Charter permits a supplementary appropriation when there has been "a material change in circumstances, or additional appropriations for new programs that could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates" for the fiscal year. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance. The Project Fund Number is missing from the Board of Estimates Agenda from October 15, 2025, when this supplementary appropriation was considered. However, the bill identifies the source of the funds as the General Fund assigned Fund Balance. Since it lists a source of funds and involves only a "single program, purpose, activity or project" as required by Section 8(c) of Article VI of the City Charter, the Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michele Toth".

Michele Toth
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